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FM AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7628

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRASILIA 2825

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E. O. 11652: GDS DECLASS AFTER JUNE 1, 1973

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SUBJ: SECVISIT - LA BRASILIA AND RIO SCHEDULE

REF: A. STATE 091100; B. 091093

1. RE REFTEL A, PARA 1 E, WE URGE DEFINITE SCHEDULING
BRASILIA PRESS CONFERENCE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:
A. FONOFF CONSIDERS PRESS CONFERENCE PRINCIPAL AND ONLY
REALLY PUBLIC EVENT SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE IN CAPITAL AND HAS
EXPRESSED FIRM DESIRE IT TAKE PLACE.
B. TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM EXPOSURE AND COVERAGE, WE
BELIEVE WE WOULD HAVE TO SCHEDULE PRESS CONFERENCE
DEFINITELY IN ADVANCE TO PERMIT RIO AND SAO PAULO
JOURNALISTS TO TRAVEL TO BRASILIA. (OTHERWISE THEY COULD
NOT BE EXPECTED TO MAKE SPECIAL TRIP.)
C. TOP JOURNALISTS DO NOT REPEAT NOT NORMALLY COVER
ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES SO THAT WE COULD NOT EXPECT
THOUGHTFUL COVERAGE TO COME OUT OF DEPARTURE STATEMENT
OR QUESTION- AND- ANSWER PERIOD AT AIRPORT.

2. RE REFTEL A, PARA 1 C, WE WOULD XVVAR# ARRIVAL
STATEMENT IN BRASILIA TO NEWSMEN ASSEMBLED AT AIRPORT
(INSIDE). WE WILL SUBMIT DRAFT. ON OTHER HAND, WE
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SUGGEST NO REPEAT NO ARRIVAL STATEMENT IN RIO BUT WILL
SUBMIT DRAFT OF STATEMENT WHICH SECRETARY MIGHT MAKE
ON ONLY- IF- ASKED BASIS.

3. REF REFTEL B, PARA 5, WE RECOMMEND AGAINST BACK-
GROUNDER IN RIO FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. GOB SENSITIVITY ON HAVING ANY OFFICIAL OR SEMI-
OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES IN RIO WHICH WOULD DETRACT FROM
IMPACT OF SECRETARY' S VISIT TO BRASILIA.

B. THERE IS UNFORTUNATELY NO REPEAT NO SUCH THING
AS " BACKGROUNDUNDER" IN BRAZIL IN PRACTICE, AND IT WOULD
BE LIKELY THAT ANYTHING SAID WOULD BE ATTRIBUTED IN
PRINT REGARDLESS OF GROUND RULES AND THAT STORIES WOULD
APPEAR NEXT MORNING BEFORE ARRIVAL BRASILIA.
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